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REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 2 to 4 have been canceled. Claims 5 and 6 have been added. The Examiner's indication that claims 2 to 4 would be allowed if written in independent form is gratefully acknowledged. This is what applicant has done.

Thus, it will be seen that claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 2. Accordingly, amended claim 1 represents claim 2 in independent form. In view of the Examiner's indication, amended claim 1 is believed in condition for allowance.

New claim 5 includes the subject matter of claim 1 and claim 3. Accordingly, new claim 5 represents claim 3 in independent form. In view of the Examiner's indication, new claim 5 is believed in condition for allowance.

New claim 6 includes the subject matter of claims 1 and 4. Accordingly, new claim 6 represents claim 4 in independent form. In view of the Examiner's indication, new claim 6 is believed in condition for allowance.

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The Examiner's 112 objection has been attended to by deleting "preferably" from claim 1 in those cases the subject matter of claim 1 was written in independent form as set forth hereinabove.

Since the claims in this application are believed allowable in view of the Examiner's indication, comments on the cited prior art are not believed necessary.

In view of the above, issuance of the Notice of Allowance for claims 1, 5 and 6 is respectfully requested.

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